

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 13, 2003. Claims 1, 2, 4-25 and 27-37 are pending in this application and are shown above. Claims 1, 4-5, 8-11, 13-16, 18-22, and 37 were rejected by the Examiner. Claims 6, 7, 24, 25 and 27-36 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Claims 2, 12, 17 and 23 are objected to by the Examiner. Applicants cancel claims 1-2, 4-5, 8, and 11 without prejudice. Reconsideration of the rejected claim is requested for reasons presented below.

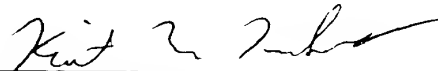
Claims 1, 4-5, 8-11, 13-16, 18-22, and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by, or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over, *Campana, et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,537,733. Applicant respectfully respond to this rejection.

Campana et al., has a filing date of February 23, 2001, and a prior publication date of August 29, 2002. The present application, Serial No. 09/902,518, has a conventional filing date of July 10, 2001, and a priority date to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/218,407, with a filing date of July 14, 2000. Support for the claims as stated above is provided in the provisional application. Thus, *Campana et al.*, is not a prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections based on *Campana et al.* The cancellation of claims 1-2, 4-5, 8, and 11 was not made to distinguish over a reference asserted by the Examiner.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the methods of the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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